5/10/69 Because you are facing Fred about himself and Lifton and their garbage about me and my alleged stealing of credit, I have copied page 80 of COUP, as it exists today, as it was when written and despite what he has done, never changed. I have just come to it in my reading

This is not the only reference nor the only credit. The other speaks of Fred as perceptive and seeing what I and others failed to see, etc. I send this because I have just come to it and it does prove Lifton a liar and Fred an ingrate. Don't tell him that, for it would only antagonize him. Let him get the idea on his own. The various markings are because this is the indexing copy. They are marks Lil made for her indexing. The check locates a typo since corrected.

Should you want to send it to him, okay. I leave that up to you.

As you know, this writing is a year old. You saw it last summer. I've hand plenty of opportunity to remove it. It doesn't help the book a bit. But I will not, as I have not.

The earlier section also proves Mark tried to steal credit for Fred's work for Gough and his groups. And it recounts his actual defense of thievery.

I'll be surprised if if changes Fred's attitude, but it is an answer to Lifton and his false accusations, and that does not involve Fred personally. You might also tell him that I was so anxious to credit Lifton and Marcus for what they had first discovered and I repeated in WWII that I gave each the wrong credit, what belonged to the other. But I did credit each. If you tell him this, remind him about Last Train.

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